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Phone: _____ Date: 2-17-12
Re: Request for Records CC: _____

I will send email info also

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JOURNALISM STUDIES DEPARTMENT

January 31, 2012

Mr. Paul Tramel
Superintendent
New Bloomfield R-III
307 Redwood Drive
New Bloomfield, MO 65063-0188

Dear Mr. Tramel,

Pursuant to the Missouri Sunshine Law (RSMo Chapter 610), I would like to obtain a copy of any and all records and correspondence pertaining to the challenge and/or removal of materials in school libraries and/or classrooms in your school district from January 1, 2008 to present. I have attached the form used by the Boone County School District to initiate book challenges as an example.

I understand that if I seek a copy of this record, there may be a copying fee. Please inform me of that cost prior to making the copy. I can be reached at 573-882-5736.

According to the statute, this request should be acted upon as soon as possible, but in no event later than the third business day following receipt of this letter. If access to the records I requested is going to take longer, please contact me so we can work out a reasonable date. I'll be back in touch in 10 working days if I don't hear from your office.

If you choose to deny the request, then you are required to respond in writing and state the statutory exception authorizing the withholding of all or part of the public record and the name and title or position of the person responsible for the denial.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,



Charles N. Davis, Ph.D.
204 Neff Hall
FAX: 573-884-5400

davis cn @ missouri . edu

Date to meet:
Time:

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Vaughan ✓

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APPENDIX A

Request for Reconsideration of Materials

Type of media: ☐ Book ☐ Textbook ☐ Video ☐ Magazine ☐ Newspaper
☐ Audio Recording ☐ Electronic resources ☐ Other

Author/Producer _____

Title _____

Publisher _____

Request initiated by _____

Telephone _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Complainant represents: ☐ Self

☐ Organization _____
(Name of organization)

1. Did you read, view, or listen to the complete item? YES NO (circle one)

If NO, what specific parts did you read, view or listen to? _____

2. How was the item acquired? (Assignment, free selection, from a friend, etc.)

3. Is the item part of a set or series? YES NO (circle one)

4. What concerns you about the resource and why? (Please be specific; cite pages, etc, use additional pages if necessary.)

5. What do you think is the general purpose of the author?

6. Were there good sections included in the item? YES NO (circle one)

If yes, please list them:

7. Did you locate reviews of the item? YES NO (*circle one*)

If yes, please list them:

8. Were any of these reviews negative? YES NO (*circle one*)

If yes, where were they published?

9. What would you like your library/school to do about this work?

_____ Do not assign/lend it to my child

_____ Return it to the staff selection committee for reevaluation

_____ Other-please explain

10. In its place, what work would you recommend that would convey a valuable picture and perspective of the subject treated? _____

Signature _____

Date _____

**CHECKLIST FOR SCHOOL MEDIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S
RECONSIDERATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL-NONFICTION**

TITLE _____

AUTHOR/PRODUCER _____

A. Purpose

1. What is the overall purpose of the material?

2. Is the purpose accomplished? YES or NO

B. Authenticity

1. Is the author competent and qualified in this field? YES or NO

2. What is the reputation of the author and publisher in the field?

3. Is the material up-to-date? YES or NO

C. Appropriateness

1. Does the material promote the educational goals and objectives of the curriculum of the school? YES or NO

2. Is it appropriate to the level of instruction intended? YES or NO

3. Are the illustrations appropriate to the subject and age levels? YES or NO

D. Content

1. Is the content of this material well presented by providing adequate scope, range, depth and continuity? YES or NO

2. Does this material present information not otherwise available? YES or NO

E. Reviews

1. Source of review _____

Favorably reviewed _____ Unfavorably reviewed _____

2. Does this title appear in one or more reputable selection aids? YES or NO

If yes, please list titles of selection aids.

Recommendation by School Media Advisory Committee for Treatment of Challenged Materials

Signature of Media Advisory Review Committee

**CHECKLIST FOR SCHOOL MEDIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S
RECONSIDERATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL-NONFICTION**

TITLE Burned

AUTHOR/PRODUCER Ellen Hopkins

A. Purpose

1. What is the overall purpose of the material?

Fiction - exploring value of family, religious beliefs.

2. Is the purpose accomplished? YES or NO

B. Authenticity

1. Is the author competent and qualified in this field? YES or NO

2. What is the reputation of the author and publisher in the field?

She is known most for this series of books.

3. Is the material up-to-date? YES or NO

C. Appropriateness

1. Does the material promote the educational goals and objectives of the curriculum of the school? YES or NO

2. Is it appropriate to the level of instruction intended? YES or NO

especially w/ 6th graders here

3. Are the illustrations appropriate to the subject and age levels? YES or NO *NA*

D. Content

1. Is the content of this material well presented by providing adequate scope, range, depth and continuity? YES or NO

It's well written

2. Does this material present information not otherwise available? YES or NO

unfortunately -

*gives an in-depth view of
a drug addiction,
abuse etc.*

E. Reviews

1. Source of review _____

Favorably reviewed _____ Unfavorably reviewed _____

2. Does this title appear in one or more reputable selection aids? YES or NO

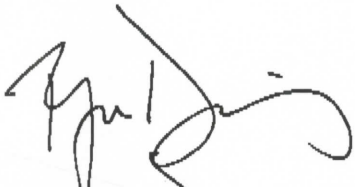
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Committee feels that book should remain on shelves but be designated YA (Young Adult) - Librarian would then

Signature of Media Advisory Review Committee

Caution Younger readers (6-8 graders) of advanced themes.


Ryan Denning

JH Comm. Arts



Student

J. Morrow - Librarian

Susan Dockey - Principal JH/HS

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☐ Audio Recording ☐ Electronic resources ☐ Other

Author/Producer Ellea Hopkins

Title Series: Crank, Glass, Fallout

Publisher Simon Pulse

Request initiated by _____

Telephone _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Complainant represents: ☐ Self
☐ Organization _____
(Name of organization)

1. Did you read, view, or listen to the complete item? ☒ YES NO (circle one) 1 book of series
If NO, what specific parts did you read, view or listen to? _____

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Date _____

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**CHECKLIST FOR SCHOOL MEDIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S
RECONSIDERATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL-NONFICTION**TITLE Series: Crank, Glass, FalloutAUTHOR/PRODUCER Ellen Hopkins**A. Purpose**

1. What is the overall purpose of the material?

To illustrate the negative impact of drugs

2. Is the purpose accomplished?
- ☒
- YES or NO

B. Authenticity

1. Is the author competent and qualified in this field?
- ☒
- YES or NO

*20 nonfiction, 8 novels**writes of her daughter's experience*

2. What is the reputation of the author and publisher in the field?

3. Is the material up-to-date?
- ☒
- YES or NO

C. Appropriateness

1. Does the material promote the educational goals and objectives of the curriculum of the school?
- ☒
- YES or NO

Health classes study drugs & addiction

2. Is it appropriate to the level of instruction intended?
- ☒
- YES or NO

3. Are the illustrations appropriate to the subject and age levels? YES or NO

*n/a***D. Content**

1. Is the content of this material well presented by providing adequate scope, range, depth and continuity?
- ☒
- YES or NO

2. Does this material present information not otherwise available? YES or

☒ NO

E. Reviews

1. Source of review SLJ & othersFavorably reviewed ✓ Unfavorably reviewed _____2. Does this title appear in one or more reputable selection aids? (YES) or NOIf yes, please list titles of selection aids. many more than can be listed

Recommendation by School Media Advisory Committee for Treatment of Challenged Materials

Signature of Media Advisory Review Committee

Reviews & Awards

Booklist 11/15/04

Publishers Weekly 11/01/04

Kirkus Review 10/01/04

School Library Journal 11/01/04

Kliatt 09/01/04

Voice of Youth Advocates (V.O.Y.A.) 02/01/05

Full-Text Reviews

Booklist (November 15, 2004 (Vol. 101, No. 6))

Gr. 8-12. Like the teenage crack user in the film *Traffic*, the young addict in this wrenching, cautionary debut lives in a comfortable, advantaged home with caring parents. Sixteen-year-old Kristina first tries crank, or crystal meth, while visiting her long-estranged father, a crank junkie. Bree is Kristina's imagined, bolder self, who flirts outrageously and gets high without remorse, and when Kristina returns to her mother and family in Reno, it's Bree who makes connections with edgy guys and other crank users that escalate into full-blown addiction and heartrending consequences. Hopkins tells Kristina's story in experimental verse. A few overreaching lines seem out of step with character voices: a boyfriend, for example, tells Kristina that he'd like to wait for sex until she is "free from dreams of yesterday." But Hopkins uses the spare, fragmented style to powerful effect, heightening the emotional impact of dialogues, inner monologues, and devastating scenes, including a brutal date rape. Readers won't soon forget smart, sardonic Kristina; her chilling descent into addiction; or the author's note, which references her own daughter's struggle with "the monster."

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Kirkus Review (October 1, 2004)

Hypnotic and jagged free verse wrenchingly chronicles 16-year-old Kristina's addiction to crank. Kristina's daring alter ego, Bree, emerges when "gentle clouds of monotony" smother Kristina's life-when there's nothing to do and no one to connect with. Visiting her neglectful and druggy father for the first time in years, Bree meets a boy and snorts crank (methamphetamine). The rush is irresistible and she's hooked, despite a horrible crank-related incident with the boy's other girlfriend. Back home with her mother, Kristina feels both ignored and smothered, needing more drugs and more boys-in that order. One boy is wonderful and one's a rapist, but it's crank holding Bree up at this point. The author's sharp verse plays with spacing on the page, sometimes providing two alternate readings. In a too brief wrap-up, Kristina keeps her baby (a product of rape) while Hopkins-realistically-offers no real conclusion. Powerful and unsettling. (author's note) (Fiction. YA)

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Publishers Weekly (November 1, 2004)

Nonfiction author Hopkins pens her first novel, written in verse, introducing 15-year-old narrator Kristina, who reveals how she became addicted to crank, and how the stimulant turned her from straight-A student to drug dealer, and eventually a teen mom. On a court-ordered visit to see her slimy and long-absent dad, she meets-and is instantly attracted to-Adam, who sports a "tawny six pack, and a smile." Soon, Adam introduces her to "the monster" (there, she also unleashes a new personality, id-driven Bree). Her addiction grows, as does Bree's control. Readers get a vivid sense of the highs and lows involved with using crank ("I needed food, sleep, but the monster denied/ every bit of it"). Her life changes quickly: Soon she's dating two guys, both of whom use crank; says "Fuck you" to her mom, can't keep up with school, and loses her old friends. There are plenty of dramatic moments: The first time she does crank, for example, her dad joins her. That same night, she stumbles into a bad area and is almost raped, and Adam's girlfriend tries to kill herself. Later in the book, she does get raped and starts selling the drug for the Mexican Mafia. Readers will appreciate the creative use of form here (some poems, for instance, are written in two columns that can be read separately or together), and although the author is definitely on a mission, she creates a world nearly as consuming and disturbing as the titular drug. Ages 14-up. (Oct.) Copyright 2004 Reed Business Information.

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School Library Journal (November 1, 2004)

Gr 8 Up-Seventeen-year-old Kristina Snow is introduced to crank on a trip to visit her wayward father. Caught up in a fast-paced, frightening, and unfamiliar world, she morphs into "Bree" after she "shakes hands with the monster." Her fearless, risk-taking alter ego grows stronger, "convincing me to be someone I never dreamed I'd want to be." When Kristina goes home, things don't return to normal. Although she tries to reconnect with her mother and her former life as a good student, her drug use soon takes over, leaving her "starving for speed" and for boys who will soon leave her scarred and pregnant. Hopkins writes in free-verse poems that paint painfully sharp images of Kristina/Bree and those around her, detailing how powerful the "monster" can be. The poems are masterpieces of word, shape, and pacing, compelling readers on to the next chapter in Kristina's spiraling world. This is a topical page-turner and a stunning portrayal of a teen's loss of direction and realistically uncertain future.-Sharon Korbeck, Waupaca Area Public Library, WI Copyright 2004 Reed Business Information.

also a NY Times bestseller,
and walks you forward from
where *Crank* leaves off.

Will there be a third Kristina
book? Yes! I'm currently
writing *Fallout*, the third and
final Kristina book! Due out in
2010.

hesitation, just before you
drop

You know how you feel
at that instant? Well, that's
exactly how it feels when you
shake hands with the
monster.

addiction. I cant thank you enough for this powerful
and truly amazing read. I cant tell you how many
times I have read it but I can tell you it amazes me
every time. I'm able to see me in this book not only
because its about addiction but simply because you
are able to capture truth and emotion as if it were
you who experienced the monster. Once again thank
you for this book, it has helped me more than you
will ever know.

From Commonsensemedia.org

The book Glass

What parents need to know

Parents need to know that this book is about a girl's drug addiction: Not only does Kristina use meth constantly, but eventually she also deals it for the Mexican Mafia. There are some fairly graphic depictions of sex, including a first orgasm and having sex with more than one partner. Kristina's drug use gets her kicked out of the house; eventually she loses custody of her young son and begins committing crimes to support her habit (even robbing her mother). By the end of the book, Kristina is pregnant again.

Educational value: The life-altering consequences of Kristina's actions are very clear. Parents can use this book to talk about drugs and addiction.

Goodreads.com

Average rating 4.21 · 67,141 ratings · 9,089 reviews · shelved 134,466 times

Publisher Simon & Schuster – one of the largest publishers – since 1924

Quote from Ellen Hopkins, written on her blog after she was uninvited to a Teen Literature Festival in Texas, August, 2010

"I am not just another author. I'm an author who is a voice for a generation that faces real problems every day. An author who tries to dissect those problems, look for reasons, suggest solutions, show outcomes to choices through characters who walk off the page. I'm an author who cares about her readership in a very real way. I am thoughtful, respectful of my readers, and not afraid to tell the truth.

That is what censors fear. The truth. Mr. Sconzo doesn't "want to jeopardize any possible negative reaction [sic] with what has been to date completely positive for literally all concerned." (I always wonder about school administrators who can't write a sentence correctly.) The truth may not always be pretty, but it is positive. What's negative is hiding truth in a dark closet, pretending it doesn't exist. And worse, manipulating people with lies."

<http://www.librarified.net/2010/08/17/censorship-in-texas-ellen-hopkins-and-the-humble-tx-teen-lit-fest/>

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Procedures for Reconsideration of Materials

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Title _____

Publisher _____

Request initiated by _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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(Name of organization)

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5. What do you think is the general purpose of the author?

6. Were there good sections included in the item? YES NO (circle one)

If yes, please list them:

7. Did you locate reviews of the item? YES NO (*circle one*)
If yes, please list them:

8. Were any of these reviews negative? YES NO (*circle one*)

If yes, where were they published?

9. What would you like your library/school to do about this work?

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Signature _____

Date _____

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RECONSIDERATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL-NONFICTION**

TITLE Crank

AUTHOR/PRODUCER Ellen Hopkins

A. Purpose

1. What is the overall purpose of the material? The overall purpose would be to entertain and inform
2. Is the purpose accomplished? YES or NO

B. Authenticity

1. Is the author competent and qualified in this field? YES or NO
2. What is the reputation of the author and publisher in the field?
3. Is the material up-to-date? YES or NO

C. Appropriateness

1. Does the material promote the educational goals and objectives of the curriculum of the school? YES or NO
2. Is it appropriate to the level of instruction intended? YES or NO
3. Are the illustrations appropriate to the subject and age levels? YES or NO

D. Content

1. Is the content of this material well presented by providing adequate scope, range, depth and continuity? YES or NO
2. Does this material present information not otherwise available? YES or NO

E. Reviews

1. Source of review _____

Favorably reviewed _____ Unfavorably reviewed _____

2. Does this title appear in one or more reputable selection aids? YES or NO

If yes, please list titles of selection aids.

Recommendation by School Media Advisory Committee for Treatment of Challenged
Materials

Signature of Media Advisory Review Committee

**CHECKLIST FOR SCHOOL MEDIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S
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TITLE Glass

AUTHOR/PRODUCER Ellen Hopkins

A. Purpose

1. What is the overall purpose of the material?

The purpose of this book is to give young teens an insight into the world of addiction and choices.

2. Is the purpose accomplished? ☒ YES or NO

B. Authenticity

1. Is the author competent and qualified in this field? ☒ YES or NO

2. What is the reputation of the author and publisher in the field?

The author is highly regarded. An Amazon.com search shows hundreds of reviews, and average ratings are 4 stars and up.

3. Is the material up-to-date? ☒ YES or NO

C. Appropriateness

1. Does the material promote the educational goals and objectives of the curriculum of the school? ☒ YES or NO

all readers, the material is interesting to many "non-readers."

2. Is it appropriate to the level of instruction intended? ☒ YES or NO

3. Are the illustrations appropriate to the subject and age levels? ☒ YES or NO

D. Content

1. Is the content of this material well presented by providing adequate scope, range, depth and continuity? ☒ YES or NO

2. Does this material present information not otherwise available? ☒ YES or NO

E. Reviews

5 star: 42

4 star: 13

3 star: 5

2 star: 0

1 star: 2

1. Source of review

Amazon.com

Favorably reviewed

X

Unfavorably reviewed

2. Does this title appear in one or more reputable selection aids? YES or NO

If yes, please list titles of selection aids.

Barnes & Noble : 4 1/2 stars (554 reviews)

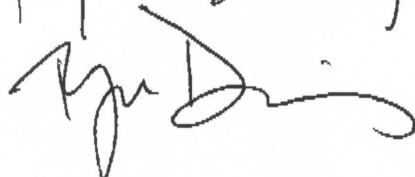
Daniel Boone Regional Library : 4 1/2 stars

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While this book may not be for everyone, I feel that this book should be available for check out. I would recommend that this book (and perhaps others) be labeled with a YA sticker.

Signature of Media Advisory Review Committee

Ryan Denning (J+H Comm. Arts)



**CHECKLIST FOR SCHOOL MEDIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S
RECONSIDERATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL-NONFICTION**

TITLE Glass Crank, Impulse,
AUTHOR/PRODUCER Ellen Hopkins Burned
all these books.

A. Purpose

1. What is the overall purpose of the material?

Glass-to describe what it was like for her
daughter on meth in detail - Glorifies

2. Is the purpose accomplished? YES or NO

Meth using - language
sexual content etc.

B. Authenticity

not appropriate for a school library,

1. Is the author competent and qualified in this field? YES or NO I assume so

2. What is the reputation of the author and publisher in the field?

Well Known

3. Is the material up-to-date? YES or NO I assume so

C. Appropriateness

1. Does the material promote the educational goals and objectives of the curriculum of the school? YES or NO

2. Is it appropriate to the level of instruction intended? YES or NO

3. Are the illustrations appropriate to the subject and age levels? YES or NO

D. Content

1. Is the content of this material well presented by providing adequate scope, range, depth and continuity? YES or NO

2. Does this material present information not otherwise available? YES or NO

NO

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E. Reviews

1. Source of review _____

Favorably reviewed _____ Unfavorably reviewed _____

2. Does this title appear in one or more reputable selection aids? YES or NO ?

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